Increasing dairy farm profitability in a changing world of herd demographics.

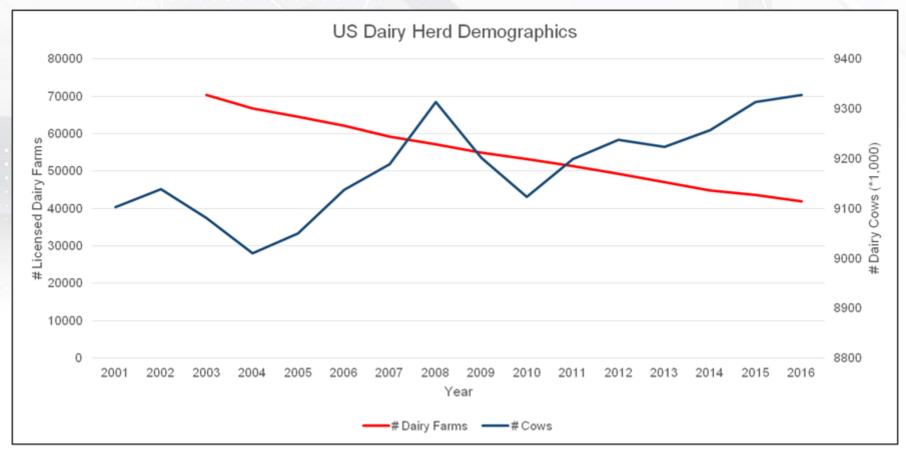
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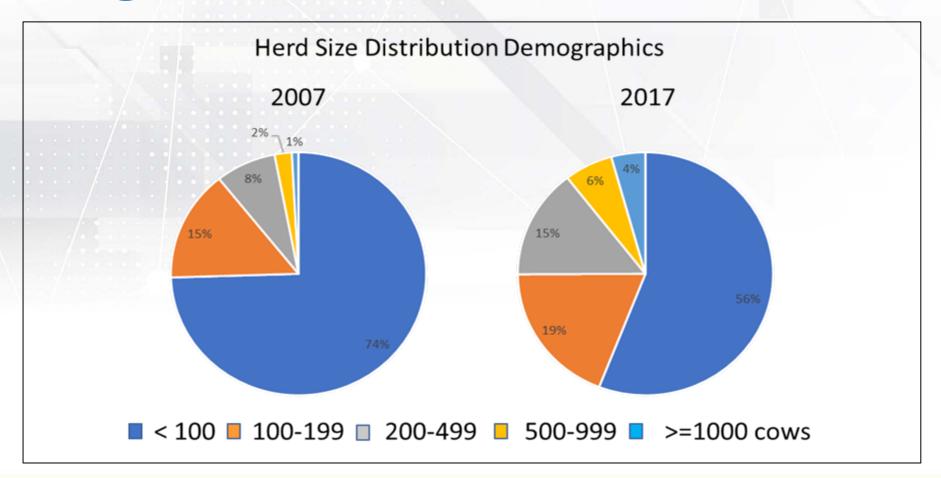
US Herd Demographics



Source: USDA-NASS

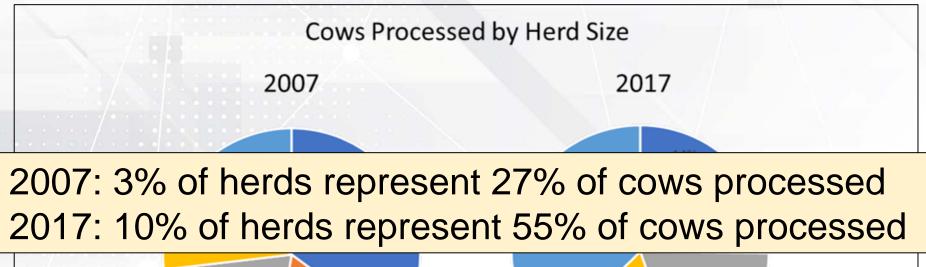


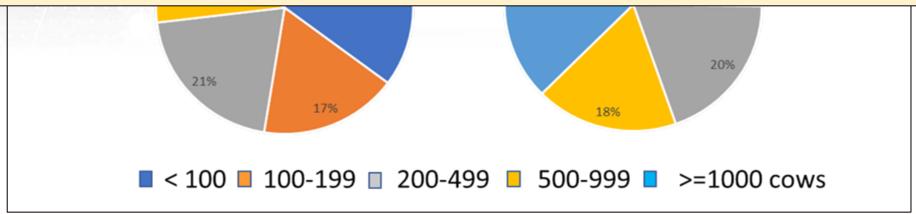
AgSource Herd Size Distribution





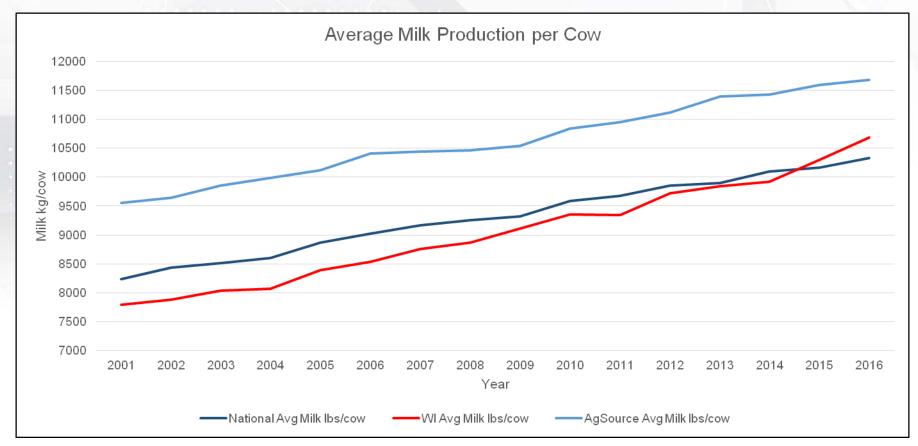
AgSource Cows Processed by Herd Size







Annual Milk Production



Source: USDA-NASS and AgSource



How do we stay Relevant?

- New and improved laboratory diagnostics
- Incorporate new sources of data
- No longer about cow attention lists or herd summaries
- More comprehensive information management:
 - Connect financials with performance
 - Point out weaknesses and strengths
 - Look for opportunities
- Report on our successes





Key Performance Areas

- Annual snapshot
- Summaries based on:
 - Herd size, Herd Production Level and Breed
- Broken down by:
 - 80th Percentile, Average and 20th Percentile
- 18 Areas with114 Individual measures



Udder Health KPA example

	Handa anadusina ayan 42 COO ka af milk	o o th		0.041
	Herds producing over 13,608 kg of milk	80 th		20 th
	Udder Health	Perc.	Average	Perc.
	Weighted Avg SCC	124	178	227
	Bulk Tank Weighted SCC	118	175	214
	>=200 C	12	16.9	20
KPA's will ch	ange over	6	8.8	11
time: 2012 va	bot one Chronic	48	55.1	61
144, 195, and	d 244	1.9	2.3	2.6
respectively	core	1.6	1.8	2.1
	Linear Score	2.1	2.5	2.8
	% Heifers Infected at First Test	9	12.9	17
	% Fresh Cows – New Infections	7	12.1	16
••••	1st Lact Weighted Avg SCC	79	111	136
	2 nd & > Lact Weighted Avg SCC	154	226	286
	% Dry Cows Cured	85	77.8	71
D 2017 AgSource Cooperative Services. All rights reserved.	% Dry Period Failure to Cure	15	22.3	29

How do we generate Profit Opportunities?

- Use KPA's as benchmarks
- Express differences between herd performance and benchmark as a \$ opportunity
- AgSource Profit Opportunity Analyzer
- Delivery:
 - Hand delivered
 - Review by Farm and AgSource staff
 - Further detail found through MyAgSource online or AgSource reports



Example

Udder Health KPA's

Profit Opportunities

Udder Health Management



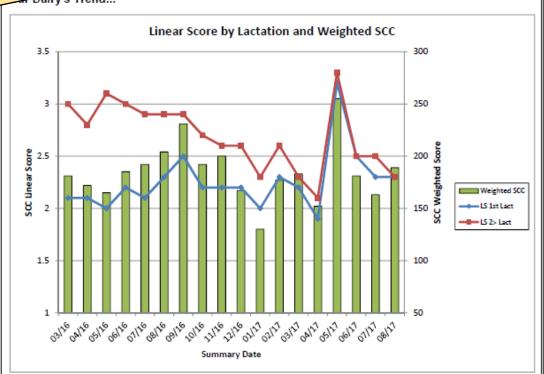
Your Dairy's Udder Health Management Profit Opportunity

\$74,454

AgSource Benchmarks for Herde Coar 30,000 RHA Milk (132 Herds)					
	80th Percentile	Average	20th Percentile		
Linear Score, First Lactation	1.6	1.8	2.1		
Linear C	2.1	2.5	2.8		
Average Somatic Cell Count	124	178	227		

Your Herd Profit Over The Past Year... Opportunity \$6,480 Linear score (1st Lactation) 2.3 \$18,249 Linear score (2nd Lactation And Greater) 2.6 Weighted Average SCC (000s) 186 \$49,725 Estimated RHA Milk Increase (lbs) If 80th Linear Score Performa 263

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Return on Investment

Annualized Overall Revenue increase based on production and SCC All Herds Reports Reports + POA Do producers that **Production Improvement** \$40.42 \$55.37 \$97.23 -\$0.02 \$0.12 \$0.46 utilize more of the AgSource informational tools alized Improvement by Management Area see greater returns? \$92.08 \$106.75 \$222.17 Yes they do! \$3.04 \$7.28 \$10.49 The "super" users see twice the \$4.17 \$6.07 \$13.10 gnancy Rate Days Open \$4.59 \$4.67 \$10.16 improvements \$5.17 \$6.33 \$29.17 compared to the \$3.33 \$3.10 \$7.36 erioa average user **Genetics** Cow \$41.67 \$49.00 \$53.67 **Service Sire** \$73.67 \$85.67 \$85.33

Conclusions

• Future:

- Further consolidation and larger herds
- Adoption of new technologies such as animal monitoring systems and robotics
- Evolution of the traditional milk recording organizations

Our Solution:

- Commitment to collecting, validating and analyzing data to create innovative decision-making tools.
- Respect the value and contribution of collaborative effort to strengthen research and development required for continuous improvement.
- Focus on integrated products and services that enable members and customers to reach their goals.

